

Remarks

The non-final office action dated September 20, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Status of Claims

There are 15 claims pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 12 are independent claims.

Claims 1-15 are rejected by the Examiner.

Cancelled claims

Claims 1, 7, 8,9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are canceled.

New Claims

New claims 16, 17, 18 and 19 are added.

Amended Claims

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 15 are amended.

Applicants have carefully considered the arguments advanced by the Examiner in rejecting the claims of this application and respectfully request favorable reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following comments.

Claim rejections 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-11 are rejected as being anticipated by Rytivaara et al. (US Patent Publication 2005/0253817).

Claims 4,6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rytivaara et al. (US Patent Publication 2005/0253817).

Rytivaara does not teach, suggest or disclose detecting the presence or absence of a long

pressing contact on the touch screen display surface to disable the pressing contact operation of the touch screen display such that the mobile phone is in an operative state that is non-responsive to a pressing contact on the touch screen display as disclosed and set forth in Applicants' independent claims 16 and 18.

Further, Rytivaara does not teach, suggest or disclose detecting the presence or absence of a long pressing contact on any location along the touch screen display surface to disable the pressing contact operation of the touch screen display such that the mobile phone is in an operative state that is non-responsive to a pressing contact on the touch screen display as disclosed and set forth in Applicants' independent claims 16 and 18.

The remaining claims of the application are dependent directly or indirectly on independent claims 16 and 18 and it is submitted that they too distinguish over Rytivaara for similar reasons as independent claims 16 and 18 and further for additional limitations clearly set forth therein.

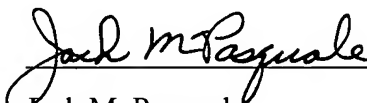
In view of the above amendments and for at least the above cogent reasons, Applicants submit the rejections are moot and respectfully requests the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit the claims of the application are now in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit such action at an early date. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed number should there be any questions remaining after review of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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